

Discussions

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+ Lang
+ Lloyd.

Discussion with Randolph Vigne 25.6.90

- He thought that Neville Rubin had done some taped interviews with ARM members in 1965-66.
- Leslie Rubin knows more about the money question and about John Lang than a lot of other people. Other sources on the Lang story are A. de Crespigny and Robin Scott Smith.
- A. du Toit saw Lang in Kenya but he apparently didn't cooperate.
- Vigne doesn't want to talk about this because he's concerned about libel and he also doesn't want to hurt other people, for example Lang's children.
- There is a story about Lang dipping into a trust fund in Johannesburg long before all this happened but then paying it back. Vigne is uncertain about this.
- I have something called the "Peter Hjul" story but can't remember it. It involved Vigne and Eddy Daniels??
- John Lang was a member of the Torch Commando and also involved with the Freedom Radio people. Alex Cox was key here. The first meeting of the ARM was held at Cox's house some time in the sixties.
- R.V. told the story of John Lloyd's heavy dependency on his interrogator, a Sergeant Coetzie.
- He simply never wanted to change the evidence. When Lloyd went to England, Vigne and somebody else went down to see him to get him to modify his evidence against Harris to some extent so that it might help in the appeal against the death sentence but even this Lloyd was unwilling to do because he felt that his conscience, i.e. Sergeant Coetzie, would be most disturbed about this and ultimately couldn't bring himself to sign a statement saying that his evidence had been coerced. He felt this would be dishonest and he couldn't be dishonest in this way--a totally bizarre story.
- du Toit has a father who is an academic--he's ok. He asked a lot of political questions but less on the organizational side and the personal dynamics.

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~~(That's all I have on this discussion with R.V.)~~